

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-51 were canceled in the parent application. In response to the restriction requirement in the parent application, please cancel claims 52-87, and 106-120 herein, which are to remain in the parent application.

Please prosecute claims 88-105 in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-87 (Canceled)

88. (Previously presented) A method for preventing skin formation on a water-based formulation, the method comprising the steps of:

placing the formulation in a container having an internal surface and an external surface adapted to contain the formulation and its related vapors wherein the container includes an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface, and the anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation without excluding the formulation vapor in the container from contacting the formulation; and

storing the container.

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88 wherein the formulation is a solvent-based formulation.

90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88 further comprising the step of transporting the formulation.

91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88 wherein the container further includes:

a sealing means having an internal surface; and

an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface of the sealing means, wherein the anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation without excluding the formulation vapor in the container from contacting the formulation.

92. (Previously presented) The method of claim 91 wherein the container further includes a second anti-skinning layer, the second anti-skinning layer extending about at least a portion of the internal surface of the container and the formulation.

93. (Previously presented) A sealing means adapted to substantially control skinning of water-based formulations in which the sealing means includes an anti-skinning layer and an inner surface, the layer being located on at least a portion of the inner surface, wherein the anti-skinning layer when in use on a container adapted to contain a water-based solvent formulation and its related vapors is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation without excluding the formulation vapor in the container from contracting the formulation.

94. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the formulations are solvent-based formulations.

95. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein:

the formulation has a certain concentration; and

the anti-skinning layer substantially maintains the concentration of the formulation retained on the anti-skinning layer.

96. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer is textured.

97. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer is a gauze lining.

98. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer is a foam lining.

99. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.

100. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer has a thickness of approximately 0.001 mm to 5 cm.

101. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer is integrally molded to the internal surface of the container.

102. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer adheres to the internal surface of the container.

103. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded to the internal surface of the container.

104. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein:
the inner surface of the sealing means layer includes a surface area; and
the anti-skinning layer covers substantially the entire surface area of the internal surface of the sealing means.

105. (Previously presented) The sealing means of claim 93 wherein the sealing means is a resealable lid.

Claims 106-120 (Canceled)